

"Basic Rights of the German People" in 1946 and the drafting of the constitutions of the German countries over the drafting and extension of the 1949 constitution of the GDR up to the draft of the new socialist constitution as a very important part of his work consisting in the application of the political science of Marxism-Leninism to the conditions in Germany.

In his article the author had to concentrate on a limited selection of theoretical knowledge and practical experiences. Walter Ulbricht has contributed to the theories of Marxism-Leninism in these decisive fields. It is his foremost concern to recall above all writings of Walter Ulbricht of 1949 which are not publicly known and to value their principal importance.

Walter Ulbricht conceived the new essence of the constitutional order of a unitary German democratic state in deducing the constitutional question from the class struggles of the German history and basing this on the Marxist-Leninist opinion on history and on the Marxist-Leninist political science. An important conclusion was that by the Anti-Fascist-Democratic transition bourgeois democracy and statehood had to be overcome and at the same time the bourgeois constitution had to be overcome by the Anti-Fascist-Democratic constitution to create the conditions for a genuine democracy and for people's sovereignty. Walter Ulbricht considered people's sovereignty concretely and actually guaranteed if the people's will was unanimously made a creative force in the people's representations. These representations had to be enabled decisively to determine the character and development of the state apparatus, legislation, economy and the whole social life.

The contribution ends with a valuation of Walter Ulbricht's merits in the course of the framing of the character of the new socialist consti-

tion which convincingly expresses that "the individual became the principle of the constitution" (Marx). The new relation of state, society and constitution, the sovereign exercise of power by the people which is legally guaranteed by all parts of the socialist constitution make it — as Walter Ulbricht put it — the "German Charter of freedom and humanity".

New Legal Regulations for the Construction of the Economic System of Socialism in the Years 1969 and 1970

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The Resolution of the State Council of the GDR on further measures concerning the establishment of the economic system of socialism of April 22nd, 1968 paves the way for the all-round operation of the economic system of socialism in the GDR.

The new legal regulations serving its implementation for the years 1969 and 1970 aim at the concentration of planning and running the National Economy on a prognostically founded, highly effective policy on the economical set-up and therewith on a large-scale gain of national income. Accordingly central planning and management are concentrated on the tasks determining the structure of the National Economy. At the same time an increased self-responsibility of the socialist producers for planning, balancing and realization of the tasks determining the structure of the National Economy is realized. Connected with this complex measures are to develop the economic rendering of accounts and material incentives of the factories and collectives. By